

Listing of Claims

- 1-5 (canceled)
6. (currently amended) A caster assembly for a bed frame which comprises:
casters which are coupled to support shafts;
support bars which are rigidly attached to the support shafts and pivotally coupled to frame members of a bed frame; and
locking bars which are movable between:
a first position in which portions of the locking bars engage the support bars and lock the support shafts in a vertical position; and
a second position in which the locking bars are clear of the support bars so that the support shafts are free to pivot about the frame members, wherein each locking bar affects the engagement of support bars of at least a pair of the casters.
7. (canceled)
8. (original) A caster assembly according to claim 6, wherein the support shafts include flanges which engage the frame members and limit the pivotal movement of the support bars.
9. (original) A caster assembly according to claim 6, wherein the locking bars include pedals by which the locking bars can be pivoted between the first and second positions.
- 10-19 (canceled)
20. (previously presented) A caster assembly according to claim 9, wherein each pedal comprises a U-shaped member positioned at an end of the locking bar.
21. (previously presented) A caster assembly according to claim 6, wherein the locking bars are rotatably coupled to the frame members of the bed frame.
22. (currently amended) A caster assembly for a bed frame, the caster assembly comprising:
a caster;
a support shaft coupled to the caster;
a support bar rigidly attached to one of the support shaft and a frame member of a bed frame, the support bar being pivotally coupled to the other of the support shaft and the frame member; and
a locking bar configured to move between a first position in which a portion of the locking bar engages the support bar and locks the support shaft in a locked position, and a

second position in which the locking bar is clear of the caster, the support shaft, and the support bar so that the support shaft is free to pivot in at least a first direction about the frame member.

23. (previously presented) The caster assembly according to claim 22, wherein the locking bar is configured to engage a pair of the support bars supported by a pair of the casters.

24. (previously presented) The caster assembly according to claim 22, wherein the support shaft includes at least one flange configured to engage the frame member and prevent pivotal movement of the support shaft in a second direction opposite the first direction.

25. (previously presented) The caster assembly according to claim 22, wherein the locking bar includes a pedal by which the locking bar can be pivoted between the first position and the second position.

26. (previously presented) The caster assembly according to claim 25, wherein the pedal comprises a U-shaped member positioned at an end of the locking bar.

27. (previously presented) The caster assembly according to claim 22, wherein the locking bar is rotatably coupled to the frame member of the bed frame.

28. (currently amended) A caster assembly comprising:
a housing;
a wheel rotatably supported by the housing;
a support shaft coupled to the housing and supported for selective pivotal movement relative to a frame member of a bed frame;
a support bar coupled to the support shaft; and
a locking bar configured to move between a first position in which the locking bar engages the support bar and the support shaft is prevented from pivoting movement in at least a first direction, and a second position in which the locking bar does not engage the wheel, the support shaft, and the support bar and, such that the support shaft is capable of pivoting movement in at least ~~the~~ a first direction toward the locking bar.

29. (previously presented) The caster assembly according to claim 28, wherein the support shaft includes at least one flange configured to engage the frame member and prevent pivotal movement of the support shaft in a second direction opposite the first direction.

30. (previously presented) The caster assembly according to claim 28, wherein the locking bar includes a pedal by which the locking bar can be pivoted between the first position and the second position.

31. (previously presented) A caster assembly according to claim 28, wherein the locking bar is rotatably coupled to the frame member of the bed frame.

32. (previously presented) A caster assembly for a bed including a support deck, a base frame, and an intermediate frame coupled to the base frame and configured to move vertically relative to the base frame, the caster assembly comprising:

a caster;

a support shaft coupled to the caster and coupled to the intermediate frame for pivotal movement relative to a ground surface between a lowered position and a raised position, wherein the support deck is supported by the intermediate frame when the support shaft is in the lowered position and the support deck is supported by the base frame when the support shaft is in the raised position; and

a locking member operably associated with the support shaft and configured to move between a first position in which the locking member is operably coupled to the support shaft to prevent the support shaft from pivotally moving in at least a first direction from the lowered position to the raised position, and a second position in which the locking member is not operably coupled to the support shaft to allow the support shaft to pivotally move in at least the first direction from the lowered position to the raised position as the intermediate frame is lowered until the base frame engages the ground surface.

33. (previously presented) The caster assembly according to claim 32, further comprising an engagement member operably associated with the support shaft and configured to prevent the support shaft from pivotally moving in a second direction opposite the first direction.

34. (previously presented) The caster assembly according to claim 33, wherein the engagement member comprises at least one flange coupled to the support shaft.